



## N95 Respirators

In the US, the word NIOSH and N95 are printed on the front.

## Masks

Do not have NIOSH or other labels printed on the front.

YES	Helps protect from airborne particulates	NO
YES	When properly selected and used, provides secure face seal	NO
YES	Media capable of filtering invisible particles	NO
YES	Government-certified respiratory protection	NO

## Respirators vs. masks

Disaster can strike without warning, especially during wildfire season. So make sure you're thinking about safety in advance. This overview shows why respirators help provide more protection than masks when air quality is compromised. You'll breathe easier knowing you're prepared.

Masks are not equipped to provide respiratory protection. Proper respiratory protection from particles in wildfire air comes with the ability to filter very fine particles — those so small you can't see them — and provides a tight seal around your face, when selected and used properly.

Respirators, with a N95 filter, have the ability to filter particulates, while masks do not. However, N95 respirators CANNOT be used for protection in wildfires against chemical vapors, gases, carbon monoxide, gasoline, asbestos, lead or low-oxygen environments.

### Wildfire air

Wearing an N95 disposable respirator outside could help reduce the amount of airborne particles you breathe. These type of respirators, including 8110S, 8200, 8210, 8210Plus and 8511 respirators from 3M, are intended to fit over the nose and mouth and can filter at least 95 percent of smoke particles when properly fitted.

### Tips to stay safe during wildfire season

- ▶ Evacuate to safe area
- ▶ If in wildfire area, follow all government guidance on health and safety
- ▶ For wildfires, use respirators\* for smoke particles and ash only, and at a safe distance from active fire
- ▶ Read and follow all packaging/instructions

**\*NOT FOR FIREFIGHTING.  
DOES NOT PROVIDE OXYGEN.**